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## The CASE of the poor PAPER-MAKERS and PRINTERS, farther stated.

**I**N the Proposals for laying a Duty on *Pamphlets, News-Papers, &c.* there appear so many Things ruinous to Trade, and Destructive to Thousands of poor Families, that the poor Manufacturers cannot but humbly lay their Case before this *Honourable House*.

Were the Tax so moderated, that the Trade of Printing could have paid it, and not have been entirely sunk and lost, they would have forborn giving the House any Trouble; but as it intirely takes away their Trades, and turns them a begging, who have been bred up to this Manufacture as a Lawful and Honest Employment: This they hope will move this *Honourable House* in their Behalf: They humbly acknowledge the Justice of the House, in Granting an Exception for Books of *Devotion and Religion*, but they also suggest, That even that Exception, seems to allow, as is most certainly true, That the said Duties would otherwise entirely suppress such small Tracts, and that they could not pay the same, since had those small Tracts been able to pay it, the House would, as they suppose, rather have lessen'd than quite taken away the said Tax.

Yet the Relief this will be to the Trade is so small, that it cannot prevent the Ruin of the Manufacturers, because the News-Papers and other Small Tracts making so large a Consumption of our *English Papers*, and the hazard of Sale so great when printed, 'tis not possible the Proprietor should support them, even under the smallest Duty.

The Clause for a Draw-back of the Duty on PAPER, used in printing Books at the *Two Universities*, in the *LATIN, GREEK, ORIENTAL, or NORTHERN LANGUAGES*, though it seems a Favour to the said *Universities*, They humbly represent, appears only gratifying and encouraging one particular Man, who having the Prefs at *OXFORD* in his Hands, the *Queen's Printing-House* at *London*, the Patent for printing *Bibles, &c.* in *England*, and being now by a new Grant made Her Majesty's Printer in *Scotland*, is making a Monopoly of the greatest and best Part of the *Printing Trade* in *Britain*, and by which He will soon be able, not only to ruin the rest of the *PRINTERS*, but to impose upon the poor People what Rates he pleases, for *Bibles, Common-Prayers, and School-Books, &c.* over the whole Nation.

It is humbly represented, That the Restraint put by this Tax upon small *Advertisement-Papers*, Notices for Publick Sales of Goods, of Publick Meetings of Trade, Catalogues, and Accounts of Goods for Sale, and Multitudes of such Papers: As also Cases stated to the *Honourable Houses of Parliament*, and Causes in Law before the Courts of Justice in *North-Britain*: All which are given away, at the Expence of the Persons concerned, and will be intirely prohibited and restrained, so that Trade will suffer unspeakable Damage by such a Prohibition, the People of *Britain* will be effectually hindred in their Applications to Parliament, and from laying their Cases and Grievances before the House.

These Things joyn'd to the Impossibility of carrying on, either the Manufactures of *Paper* or *Printing*, under the said Duty, as it respects the small Works aforesaid, 'tis humbly hop'd, may move this *Honourable House*, not to destroy so many Thousand Families as are supported thereby, for the sake of raising an inconsiderable Payment to the Government.

*All which is humbly submitted to this Honourable House.*



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In the Proposals for laying a Duty on Newspapers, &c. there appears to many Things ruinous to Trade, and Destructive to Thousands of poor Families, that the poor Manufacturers cannot but humbly lay their Case before this Honourable House.

Were the Tax to moderate, that the Trade of Printing could have paid it, and not have been entirely sunk and lost, they would have foreborn giving the House any Trouble; but as it entirely takes away their Trades, and turns them a begging, who have been bred up to this Manufacture as a Lawful and Honorable Employment, This they hope will move this Honourable House in their Behalf: They humbly acknowledge the Justice of the House, in Granting an Exception for Books, Station and Religion, but they also suggest, That even that Excep- tion, seems to allow, as is most certainly true, That the said Duties would other- wise entirely suppress such small Trades, and that they could not pay the same, since the small Trades been able to pay it, the House would, as they sup- pose, rather have lessen'd than drive away the said Tax.

Yet the Relief this will be to the Trade is so small, that it cannot prevent the Ruin of the Manufacturers, because the News-Papers and other small Trades ma- king a Consumption of our Paper, and the Hazard of Sale so great when abroad, is not possible the House should support them, even under the

The same for a Draw-back of the on PAPER, used in printing Books at the Universities, in the Latin, Greek, Oriental, or Nor-thern Languages, though it seems a Favour to the said Universities, they humbly represent, appears only assisting and encouraging one particular Man, who having the Privilege at Oxford, the Queen's Printing- House at London, the Patent for printing in England, and being now by a new Grant made that Privilege in Scotland, is making a Monopoly of the greatest and best Part of the Printing Trade in Britain, and by which he will soon be able, not only to ruin the rest of the PRINTERS, but to impose upon the poor People what Rates he pleases for Bibles, Common-Prayers, and School Books, &c. over the whole Nation.



It is humbly represented, That the Burthen put by this Tax upon small Man-ufacturers, Paper-Payers, Notices for Publick Sales of Goods, of Publick Meetings of Trades, Companies, and Accounts of Goods for Sale, and Multitudes of such Papers: As also Cases stated to the Honourable House of Parliament, and Cases in Law before the Courts of Justice in North-Britain: All which are given away, at the Expence of the People concerned, and will be entirely prohibited and restrained, so that Trade will suffer unrepairable Damage by such a Prohibition, the People of Britain will be essentially hindered in their Applications to Parliament, and from laying their Cases and Grievances before the House.

These Things joined to the Impossibility of carrying on either the Manufactures of Paper or Printing, under the said Duty, as it respects the small-Works aforesaid, it is humbly hoped, may move this Honourable House, not to destroy so many Thou- sand Families as are supported thereby, for the sake of raising an inconsiderable Payment to the Government.

All which is humbly submitted to this Honourable House.